

# Student Intern for the Indian Health Service (IHS) National HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Program



Project Title	Student Intern for the Indian Health Service (IHS) National HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Program
Project Summary	Looking to gain practical experience in a government setting, learn about organizational infrastructure, interact among a collaborative virtual team work environment, and develop effective management skills? Volunteer for the National HIV/AIDS Program!
Country	United States

## Project Description

An internship with IHS National HIV/AIDS Program provides an opportunity to positively impact the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives affected by HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C. The individualized program plan can include a rotation of agency activities to provide for a full and comprehensive experience and educational enhancement for the participant. Although specific projects for the Public Health Student Volunteer will depend on initiatives within the IHS National HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Program, the following list provides an idea of the scope and breadth of the student volunteer's work at IHS.

- Plan and coordinate meetings of public health experts, practitioners, and constituents;
- Shadow and conduct informational interviews with key IHS staff;
- Apply skills to goal-based projects in the range of competency areas specified by the student's school's curriculum;
- Assist in translating the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan into IHS, tribal, and urban Indian health policy development and action items;
- Apply database management skills;
- Shadow the composition of writing request for funding applications and grant management;
- Assist in planning, implementation and evaluation of capacity building assistance activities including conference calls, webinars, or one-on-one trainings;
- Review legislative policy analysis and advocacy, possibly participate in congressional briefings, and assist IHS staff in submitting summaries to help policy makers understand the gaps in accessing HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment;
- Assist in planning, implementation and evaluation of IHS activities for World AIDS Day, held annually on December 1; National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, held annually on March 20; and National Hepatitis Month, held in May of each year;
- Interact with IHS Public Affairs staff and assist in writing press releases, marketing and promotion of organizational programs; and
- Maintain social networking sites and increasing internet presence via IHS HIV/AIDS webpage, the IHS LGBTQ Two Spirit webpage, and the future IHS Hepatitis C webpage.

## Required Skills or Interests

### Skill(s)

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Analytical writing

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Cultural diplomacy

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Design thinking

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Editing and proofreading

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Graphic design

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Infographic design

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Marketing

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Social media management

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Storytelling/blogging/vlogging

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Videography

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Website design

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Writing

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## Additional Information

The IHS virtual internship provides an opportunity for professional growth and development as a public health practitioner and will prepare the student for the important work in his/her professional discipline, work setting, or community. The student will have frequent contact with IHS public health experts in a wide-range of disciplines.

The student will have an opportunity to participate in training and development activities at IHS that may include:

- Orientation to IHS and government office work;
- Attendance at seminars/webinars available to all IHS staff;
- Exposure to IHS program analysis and evaluation methodologies; and
- Shadowing IHS staff across a wide range of public health disciplines

## Language Requirements

*None*